

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Tito in America

a. Tito's month-long tour of Latin America was hardly a smashing success.

b. His Brazilian visit, which came just after the sergeants' revolt touched off a new domestic crisis, was by all reports a fiasco. Tito made little real impact in Bolivia or Chile where he was met, by and large, with polite indifference.

c. His entourage [redacted] [redacted] acknowledges his failure in these countries. They were pleased, however, by the relative warmth of his reception in Mexico.

d. Tito's public utterances in Latin America were filled with the platitudes common to such occasions. One exception was a statement in Brazil which has attracted considerable attention in non-aligned circles. He said that the concept of blocs and non-aligned states has been superceded by a new division between states working for "peaceful coexistence" and those against it.

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2. Morocco-  
Algeria

a. Sporadic fighting continues today for the isolated desert outposts of Tinjoub and Hassi Beida.

b. Few details are at hand, although [redacted] the fighting--still limited in scale--may be spreading. [redacted]

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c. We have a late, unconfirmed press story from Marrakech that the two countries have now reached "an agreement in principle" on a ceasefire.

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### 3. Bolivia-Cuba

a. Bolivia has ordered the immediate removal of a first secretary of the Cuban embassy in La Paz, accusing him of trying to get information from the foreign ministry "by clandestine means."

b. He is the first high Cuban diplomat in Bolivia to be declared persona non grata since June 1961. The Cuban charge came close last summer when he was charged with interfering in the tin miners' strike.

c. The Cubans have been particularly active in promoting their revolutionary line amongst Bolivian leftists.

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### 4. Poland

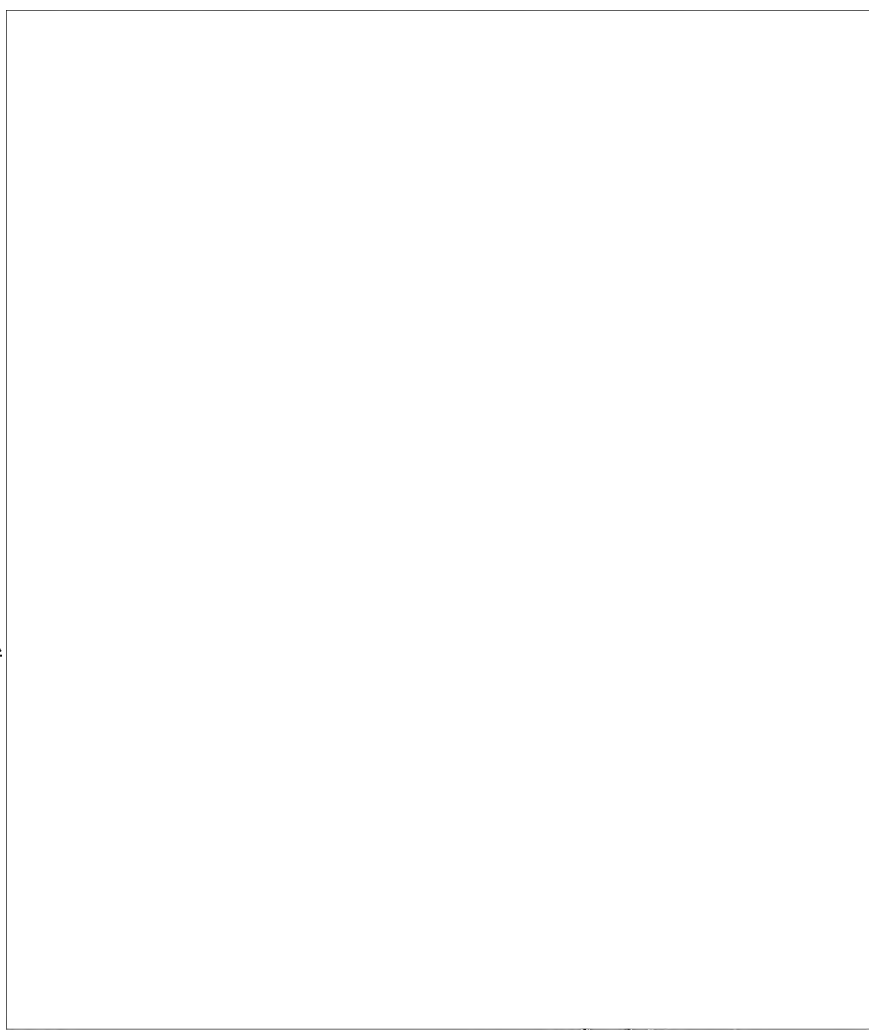
a. Poland's Communist rulers have had to call out troops to quell opposition to some of their recent moves against the Church.

b. In one such incident local police were twice driven back by a hail of stones from those resisting

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the closure of a Church school before troops successfully stormed the building. In another, armored cars and tear gas were used to seize a Capuchin monastery.

c. The incidents arose in the wake of nationwide closings of seminaries, convents, monasteries and the few remaining parochial schools. The regime hopes in this way to break the power of the religious orders which it regards as a pillar of Church resistance.

5. Ethiopia-Somalia

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d. Relations between the two countries are already badly strained by several recent exchanges of fire near the border.

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6. Yemen-UAR

a. Tribal leaders on the republican side who met several weeks ago and issued anti-Egyptian resolutions are now expressing their dissatisfaction with Sallal.

b. They have, for example, been hinting more or less openly that his government had something to do with the recent murder of one of their number.

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NOTES

- A. Berlin In continuing their harassment of allied convoys the Soviets appear to be operating on the assumption that they can keep these actions from doing irreparable damage to the atmosphere of detente and still draw the West, which in Soviet eyes also has an interest in preserving this atmosphere, into a new round of Berlin talks.

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- C. Sino-Soviet dispute The Soviets have now delivered the unkindest cut of all. Izvestia, having examined Mao's works at length, has concluded that he made no original contribution to Communist ideology. Where Mao did break new ground, Izvestia finds that he merely "falsified" the true doctrine.

- D. Laos Kong Le returned yesterday to the Plaine des Jarres. We have been getting a number of indications recently that the Pathet Lao are building up strength, perhaps in preparation for action against neutralist and rightist forces in this area now that the dry season is coming.

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